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In my opinion Microsoft Corp..is no different than some one's musical scores--They should have the right to protect their inventions in the electronics field just the same--and not be infringed upon--just because they were smarter and first on the market with certain features that were appealing to competitors --

If this right were to be extinguished --you would totally allow theft of other persons hard work and realization of fruits of their labors..

The one thing I have noticed in my 75 years on this earth---Greed seems to take total control---'He's got it--I want some too' attitude prevails...Rather than taking the bull by the horns--inventing something that will do the job just as well-but in a different manner..

I fixed TV's for a living as part of my training to become an Empirical Eng.. (Electronic)--I couldn't afford college--with sick parents etc..I had to work-improve myself as I went--and wound up Chief Eng.in three organizations---23 of those years of my last employment --Manufacturer of Nuclear Measuring Equipment. as Final QC. Eng-and Field Service Eng.

I take it personally that a person starts a company--perhaps at the "right time" in their life and time for that their products are needed by the general public--and they work hard-fast-efficient and do a good job---THEN have someone else say "I want that Too" but the original owners of the system they invented naturally don't think it right to be forced to give up their control of their products..that they invented....

Thank you for taking the time to read this one small voice--against oppression of the country's people's right to innovate and follow-up with improvements of THEIR OWN INVENTIONS-----

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